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JUSTICE Rory K. Brady, Esq. December 13, 2013

Dear Village Resident,

As you may recall, in 2012 the Village reached a settlement with New York State regarding infrastructure upgrades and removal of the old Village Landfill. Part of that settlement included a requirement that the Village complete an "Environmental Benefit Project". This project was to be done as a way to avoid paying large fines to New York State. It allows us to spend significantly less money, keep the money local, and also improve our local environment. The two projects that the Village and State agreed upon were drainage improvement "rain gardens" at Village Hall, and a new Village wide recycling program.

The time has come for the Village to begin full implementation of the new recycling program.

The Village is committed to increasing the amount of waste that is recycled. The Village must pay tipping fees for garbage disposal. However, there is <u>no</u> cost when we dispose of recyclables. If more residents utilize municipal recycling and create less garbage it will save taxpayer money. We are asking that residents take the time to separate garbage from recyclables and dispose of these items properly.

One factor that was identified was that many residents simply are unable to recycle because they do not have proper containers to use. In addition to this, part of this project requires the Village to retrofit our garbage trucks so that they can mechanically lift up garbage cans. This lifting mechanism only works with specific cans. As a result the Village is purchasing both garbage and recycling cans for every household. This serves a two fold purpose; it eliminates any deterrent whatsoever to recycling, and it allows us to ensure that all garbage cans work with the new technology. Over time this too will save the Village money as the new trucks will be safer for our employees. A decrease in garbage collection related injuries will save us workers' compensation costs down the line.

To reiterate: all Village residents will be receiving a new 90 gallon garbage container and recycling container. We have purchased some additional smaller containers for those residents who would prefer those. If you receive a container and would like to trade it in for a smaller one, please call the Department of Public Works at 845-294-6288. Additionally, if you are in a multifamily home and feel that one container is enough for garbage for both units, call DPW and we can pick up the extra container.

Delivery of this will commence at the end of December and continue for roughly a week. You do not need to be home when the container is delivered, but please be on the lookout for when they arrive.

None of the pickup days will be changing for garbage or recycling; the schedule will be unchanged. Please continue to bring the containers out to the curb and have the containers placed with the arrows facing out.

Thank you and have a great Holiday Season.

Yours truly

Kyle Roddey

Mayor, Village of Goshen